

REMARKS

The present application was filed on November 12, 2003 with claims 1-23. In the outstanding Office Action dated April 17, 2007, the Examiner has required the Applicant to revert back to claims 1-12 and to affirm the election of Species I in the action.

First, The Examiner is correct in assuming that the typographical error referring to the "July 26, 2007 response" in fact referred back to the January 26, 2007 response.

Second, in response to the outstanding Office Action, I affirm the election of Species I, claims 1-12 as originally filed, and I elect to prosecute claims 1-12. To avoid any confusion: I now withdraw any previous effort I made to cancel claims 1-12: claims 1-12 are reinstated, are currently pending in the application and I wish to prosecute claims 1-12, not claims 13-23.

Examiner's third point in the April 17, 2007 Office Action is now moot, since I have reverted back to claims 1-12 as required by the Examiner.

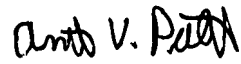
I hope that the other amendments that I made in my January 26, 2007 Amendment and Response have been entered. Specifically, I refer back to the Amendments to the Specification and the Replacement page for Abstract of the Disclosure which I provided in the January 26, 2007 Amendment.


Claim 1 is now amended as indicated in the Amendments to the Claims section above. Support for the claim as amended may be found in the application as filed, for example, at page 3, lines 19-26; page 3, line 27 to page 4, line 14; and page 7, lines 12-25. The Specification describes a hinge for pivotably connecting the first end portion of the first plate and the second end portion of the second plate. The Specification also describes a support mechanism which may be a rod having an adjustable or fixed length. The support mechanism, claimed in amended claim 1 as a rod, can maintain the first plate in a fixed position relative to the second plate.

Claim 6 is now canceled.

In view of the above, I believe that the present application is in condition for allowance.
Favorable reconsideration is therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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